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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

PAVLAKIS and NAPPI

Application No.: 09/673,716

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For: NOVEL POST-
TRANSCRIPTIONAL REGULATORY
ELEMENTS AND USES THEREOF

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Winkler, Ulrike

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1648

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time to respond for two months, from January 21, 2004, to March 22, 2004, is filed concurrently herewith. Also filed concurrently is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 by Drs. George Pavlakis and Filomena Nappi.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.